



# Safety Alert 07-07

## Falling Ice Hazard



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**Falling ice is becoming a hazard for pedestrians and vehicles after power lines, buildings and trees begin thawing.**

To prevent an "Ice Strike", all personnel should avoid areas where overhanging sheets of ice or icicles are present.

- As you leave your workplace or office, be cautious when crossing under any ice.
- As you drive, be on the lookout for ice sheets blowing off of vehicles and keep a respectable distance between vehicles.
- Be on the lookout for ice falling from power lines while driving.
- Stay away from ice covered trees. An avalanche type event could occur as ice falls from the top to the bottom.
- Be cautious near surfaces that may have become slippery from fallen ice.
- Don't linger under any icicles or other accumulations of ice.
- Report ice buildup to building managers and/or chain of command.

Leaders must:

- Get the word out to your Soldiers and civilians to be on the lookout for falling ice and associated hazards.
- Block off areas where falling ice could present a hazard.
- Direct Soldiers and employees to take an alternate route if ice buildup is present.

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